

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmittal herewith for filing is a:

- ☐ New Patent Application  
☒ Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/828,911, which was  
Filed April 10, 2001. A Rule 53 filing.

INVENTOR: KAREL VAN DEN BERG  
FOR: A FEED METERING DEVICE

Enclosed are copies of Application Serial No. 09/828,911 comprising:

- ☒ 5 sheets of drawing(s): ☐ Formal ☒ Informal  
☒ An Assignment of the invention to Lely Research Holding AG, a Swiss Limited Liability Company, recorded April 10, 2001, Reel Frame 011704/0015, and File Copy of Recordation Form Cover.  
☒ The certification cover page for Dutch Patent Application No. 1014896, filed April 10, 2000, the original certified copy being in parent Application Serial No. 09/828,911. The right to priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119.  
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
☒ A Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is also submitted herewith for this Divisional Application.

FEES:

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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	5	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	0
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SMALL ENTITY

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LARGE ENTITY

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- ☒ Filing Fee to be calculated on the basis of the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2000 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2000. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.  
☒ A check in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the Filing Fee is enclosed.

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In re Application of:

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

KAREL VAN DEN BERG

Divisional of Serial No.: 09/828,911

Filed: Herewith

For: A FEED METERING DEVICE

Docket No.: 8553/212b

**REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

To the Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior Application, including the copy of the Oath or Declaration showing the original signature or an indication that it was signed. The undersigned hereby verifies that the enclosed papers comprise a true copy of the latest signed prior Application Serial No. 09/828,911, and further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and were made with the knowledge that willful false statements or the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application and any patent issuing thereon.

As amended by the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith, the Application contains five (5) claims, one (1) of which is an independent claim, whereby a filing fee of

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\$385.00 is required. Our check to cover same is submitted herewith. If in error, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to credit or debit our Account No. 13-2000 as appropriate.

A Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.37 was filed in the prior Application Serial No. 09/828,911, and such status is proper and desired.

As set forth in the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith, please cancel all claims in this Application except original Claims 1 and 2 and calculate the filing fee on the basis of the Preliminary Amendment.

The inventor of the invention claimed in this Application is Karel van den Berg.

As set forth in the Substitute Specification submitted herewith, please amend the Specification by inserting on page 1 between the title in line 1 and line 2 the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION:

This Application is a Division of Application Serial No. 09/828,911, filed April 10, 2001. Issuing as U.S. Patent No. 6,651,584, of November 25, 2003, the disclosure of the Application of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

Priority of Application No. 1014896, filed in the Netherlands on April 10, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)(d). A certified copy of such Netherlands Application was filed in prior Application Serial No. 09/828,911, filed April 10, 2001, a claim for priority and the certified copy of the Netherlands Application being filed with Application Serial No. 09/828,911, on April 10, 2001.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

The Power of Attorney in the prior Application is to Penrose Lucas Albright, Registration No. 19,082; William B. Mason, Registration No. 18,120; and Eric S. Albright, Registration No.

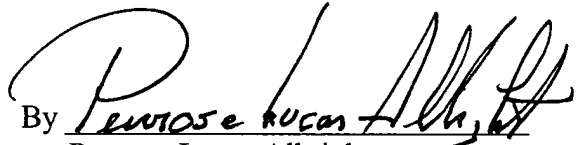
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The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers of the prior Application.

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Attached: Copy of Prior Application with copy of  
Declaration and Power of Attorney;  
Copy of Small Entity Statement;  
Preliminary Amendment  
Check for \$385.00  
Five (5) Sheets of Informal Drawings  
filed with Application

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Examiner: Kimberly S. Smith

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

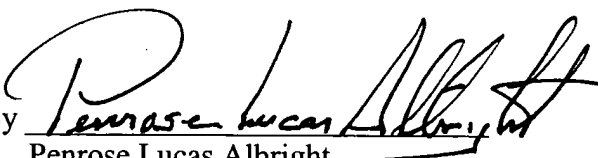
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Sir:

A small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the above-identified Application as defined in 37 CFR §1.27.

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